

# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, 27 May 2021

**Time:** 1.00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber  
Rangitikei District Council  
46 High Street  
Marton

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**Present:** His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson  
Cr Nigel Belsham  
Cr Cath Ash  
Cr Brian Carter  
Cr Fi Dalgety  
Cr Gill Duncan  
Cr Angus Gordon  
Cr Tracey Hiroa  
Cr Richard Lambert  
Cr Waru Panapa  
Cr Dave Wilson  
Cr Coral Raukawa

**In attendance:** Mr Peter Beggs, Chief Executive  
Mrs Carol Gordon, Group Manager – Democracy and Planning  
Mr Arno Benadie, Group Manager – Assets and Infrastructure  
Mr Dave Tombs, Group Manager – Corporate Services  
Mrs Sharon Grant, Group Manager – People and Culture  
Ms Gaylene Prince, Group Manager – Community Services  
Mrs Jess Mcilroy, Senior Project Manager – Infrastructure  
Ms Katrina Gray, Senior Strategic Planner  
Mr Ash Garstang, Governance Administrator

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## 1 Welcome

The Mayor opened the meeting at 1.04pm.

## 2 Apologies

The Mayor advised he would be leaving at 2.30pm to attend the Recreation Aotearoa, New Zealand Parks Awards.

## 3 Public Forum

Several people who had submitted to the draft Long Term Plan in writing provided verbal submissions.

### 1.05pm:

(Submission number: 219) Mr John Keay

Mr Keay is President of the Bulls Rugby Football & Sports Club and spoke on behalf of the Bulls Domain Upgrade Volunteers Group.

The group would like to resurrect the football field and upgrade the toilets facility, which lack shower facilities and are in a poor state of maintenance. They would also like to explore the option of constructing a new multi-purpose gym, as this would bring in a variety of new sports teams.

The new lighting and electronic scoreboard were operating well and have drawn in more people to the domain.

The group will approach new funders and would look to schedule a high profile game once upgrades have been completed, in order to draw in more users. Mr Keay advised that several funding agencies and big businesses in Bulls have expressed support for the proposed upgrades.

### 1.20pm:

(Submission number: 134) Ms Josephine Renata.

Ms Renata spoke about the Rātana Playground Whānau space redevelopment. The current playground is dated and has had some equipment removed for safety reasons.

The Rātana Playground & Whānau Space group have secured \$153,000 in funding, and their total funding goal is \$300,000. They have fundraised on Facebook, Givealittle and through several community events (such as barbecue sizzlers and bake sales). The request to Council is for ongoing maintenance of the park. They have also received \$50,000 in funding from Council. In response to a query, Ms Renata advised that the park sees thousands of users over a twelve month period.

**1.30pm:**

(Submission number: 156) Ms Raewyn Turner.

Ms Turner spoke about Te Matapihi, the new Bulls community centre. She stated that it was important for Council to listen to the main stakeholders and keep them informed, to make sure that the building is fit for purpose and to future proof it. The greenspace will have limited sunlight due to its location. The current signage at the building is too small and is often missed by visitors.

Ms Turner advised that the lessons learnt from Te Matapihi should be kept in mind when Council develops the new Marton civic centre. She suggested that Council runs a competition to design the new centre, as it is more effective than hiring an architect.

Ms Turner suggested that Council make it mandatory for new builds to have water tanks, in light on the towns current issues with water quality.

Regarding the proposed rates increases, Ms Turner stated that she believes these are too high and will put some ratepayers under duress.

## 4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Cr Dalgety and Cr Lambert declared conflicts of interest in relation to the Hunterville Huntaway Festival (item 9: Chief Executive’s report) as they are residents of Hunterville. The Mayor acknowledged their declarations, but advised that this did not warrant a conflict.

Cr Raukawa declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Opaea Marae (item 9: Chief Executive’s report) as she is affiliated with the marae. Cr Belsham acknowledged this declaration, but advised that this did not warrant a conflict.

## 5 Confirmation of Order of Business

There were no changes to the order of business.

## 6 Confirmation of Minutes

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/084**

That the minutes of Council’s meeting held on 29 April 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/085**

That the minutes of Council’s meeting held on 12 April 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/086**

That the minutes of Council's meeting held on 12 and 13 May 2021, without amendment, be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/087**

That the attached 'Oral Hearings – 12 and 13 May 2021', with amendment: pg 38, spelling error 'blowing club' be amended to 'bowling club', be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the oral submissions.

Cr Belsham/Cr Duncan. Carried

## **7 Follow-up Action Items from Previous Meetings**

### **7.1 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings**

Regarding the new signage at the Marton Memorial Hall, staff and the RSA have agreed on a design, although the location is yet to be determined. Mr Benadie advised that this will be an extra cost and would come back to Council for approval.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/088**

That the report 'Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings' be received.

Cr Panapa/Cr Dalgety. Carried

## **8 Mayor's Report**

### **8.1 Mayor's Report - May 2021**

The Mayor provided Council with information around the present status of the Bulls and Marton Community Committees. He will host public meetings to gauge expressions of interest from members of the public who may want to join the committees.

The Bulls and Marton Community Committee's both had meetings scheduled for 09 June 2021, which will be cancelled. The next meetings are scheduled for 11 August 2021.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/089**

That the Mayor's Report – May 2021 be received.

HWTM/Cr Carter. Carried

## **9 Chief Executive's Report**

### **9.1 Chief Executive's Report - May 2021**

Marton Rugby Club

Regarding the seat and plaque to commemorate Dick Hurn, Council clarified that this request came from the Marton Rugby Club, but there was never a discussion around funding.

Cr Belsham noted that this could be dealt with by the Marton Community Committee, through the use of their Small Projects Fund, however this committee has been unable to meet in recent months and therefore the issue is now with Council for a resolution.

Waiver of Fees

Council asked that staff investigate long term waivers being granted where there are recurring requests for events held regularly. It was agreed this would be considered as part of the review of the delegations register.

Opaea Marae

In response to queries from several elected members, Cr Belsham advised that a member having an affiliation with a marae did not warrant a conflict of interest. It would only be a conflict of interest if a member sat on the relevant controlling body of a marae.

Mr Beggs explained this request was being presented to Council for a decision, as his delegation to waive 50% of building consenting fees only applies to rateable land, and Opaea Marae is not rateable. Additionally, Opaea Marae are seeking to have 100% of the building consenting fees waived. In response to a query from elected members, Mr Tombs advised that Churches are not rateable. Council agreed to waive up to 100% of the building consenting fees, as per the below resolution.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/090**

That the Chief Executive's Report be received, with the exception of the Statement of Service (SSP) Reporting, which will be reported at the next full Council meeting.

Cr Wilson/Cr Carter. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/091**

That Council agrees that Council's Parks and Reserves Team work with the Marton Rugby Club to install a seat and plaque at an appropriate location in Marton Park, provided the maximum cost does not exceed \$2,000 and noting that this is an unbudgeted expense.

Cr Belsham/Cr Wilson. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/092**

That Council approves a waiver of 100% of the \$250 for the building consent exemption application fee to the Hunterville Huntaway Festival Committee.

Cr Lambert/Cr Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/093**

That Council agrees to waive internal Building consenting costs not to exceed \$10,000 for upgrade work to the Opaea Marae.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Gordon. Carried

The Mayor left the meeting at 2.21pm. Cr Belsham assumed the role of Chair.

## 10 Reports for Decision

### 10.1 Draft Submission: Building Code Update 2021

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/094**

That the report Draft Submission: Building Code Update 2021 be received.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Gordon. Carried

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/095**

That Council approves (with minor grammatical amendments) the submission on the Building Code Update 2021.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried

### 10.2 Options Consideration for the Marton Water Supply Strategy

Mr Benadie spoke to his report and advised that following Option 2 (ground water as a raw water source) would solve the bad odour and taste of Marton's current drinking water and the dams would be able to act as stormwater overflows. He also advised that there should not be any future consenting issues with drawing bore water.

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that the 5000 m<sup>3</sup>/day target would be sufficient to meet the projected population growth of the town.

Council deliberated and agreed that there were too many risks to proceed with Option 1 (Marton dams as raw water source), even with upgrades to infrastructure, and that the best permanent solution is to proceed with Option 2.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/096**

That the report "Options Consideration for the Marton Water Supply Strategy" be received.

Cr Lambert/Cr Duncan. Carried

Cr Belsham adjourned the meeting at 3.02pm and re-convened at 3.14pm.

**Resolved minute number**                      **21/RDC/097**

That Option 2 - Ground water as raw water source with a new WTP to supply 5000 m3/day - be selected as the preferred option for the Marton Water Supply strategy.

Cr Wilson/Cr Raukawa. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/098**

That the Marton Water Supply Strategy be developed to document future actions and timelines, and to be presented to Council in July 2021.

Cr Dalgety/Cr Hiroa. Carried

### **10.3 Water and Wastewater Monitoring and Lab Testing - Tender Award Recommendation**

Mrs Mcilroy advised that this tender would mean a cost saving per annum for Council. A budget is set aside each year for laboratory testing, and the cost of this tender is within that budget.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/099**

That the report 'Water and Wastewater Monitoring and Lab Testing – Tender Award Recommendation' be received.

Cr Gordon/Cr Panapa. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/100**

That Council authorises the Chief Executive to sign the contract with Central Environmental Laboratories for \$287,480.38, excluding GST and including contingency of \$26,134.58, for a three year period, starting on 1 June 2021.

Cr Gordon/Cr Duncan. Carried

### **10.4 Road Pavement Marking Contract C1121**

In response to a query, Mr Benadie advised that it was not uncommon to only receive one tender for roading contracts and that this tender was good value for money.

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/101**

That the report on Rangitikei District Council: Road Pavement Marking 2021-24 Contract C1121 be received.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Dalgety. Carried

**Resolved minute number** **21/RDC/102**

That Council approves the award of the Rangitikei District Council: Road Pavement Marking Contract C1121 to Roadrunner Markers Ltd. up to a value of \$443,426.01 + GST for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024. Sufficient funds have been included in the Programme Business Case submitted to Waka Kotahi for inclusion into the 2021 – 2024 Activity Management Plan and RDC LTP.

Cr Wilson/Cr Raukawa. Carried



**Resolved minute number**    **21/RDC/103**

That Council note this investment receives a subsidy from Waka Kotahi. The subsidy is 65% for 2021-22, 64% for 2022-23, and 63% for 2023-24. This change is a result of Waka Kotahi’s re-running their subsidy model.

Cr Wilson/Cr Duncan. Carried

## **11 Reports for Information**

### **11.1 Project Management Office Report - May 2021**

Lake Waipu improvement and Ratana Wastewater Treatment Project - In response to a query, Mrs Mcilroy advised that staff are on their final option for land consideration and need to respond to the Ministry for the Environment by 30 August 2021. If staff are unable to secure land, they will need to consider disposal methods.

**Resolved minute number**    **21/RDC/104**

That the Project Management Office Report - May 2021 be received.

Cr Carter/Cr Hiroa. Carried

## **12 Minutes from Committees**

### **12.1 Minutes from Committees for Council Receipt**

**Resolved minute number**    **21/RDC/105**

That the following Minutes be received:

- Finance/Performance Committee, 29 April 2021
- Hunterville Rural Water Supply Management Committee, 15 March 2021
- Omatane Rural Water Supply Management Committee, 20 April 2021
- Ratana Community Board, 18 May 2021
- Santoft Domain Management Committee, 23 March 2021
- Turakina Community Committee, 01 April 2021

Cr Wilson/Cr Hiroa. Carried

## **7 Recommendations from Committees**

### **13.1 Recommendation from the Taihape Community Board**

The report was taken as read.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/106**

That Council considers the below recommendation from the Taihape Community Board on 14 April 2021 (this item is to be considered as a part of today’s agenda):

- a. That the Taihape Community Board committee recommends to Council that the Council negotiate with Waka Kotahi / NZTA in order to return the speed limit on Mataroa Road / State Highway 1 to 50 kph.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Raukawa. Carried

## 8 Public Excluded

The meeting went into public excluded session 3.30pm.

**Resolution to Exclude the Public**

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/107**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

- 1. Council Minutes (Public Excluded) – 29 April 2021
- 2. Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings (Public Excluded)
- 3. Marton Rail Hub Update on Rail Design
- 4. Te Matapihi – Chief Executive Decision on Code Compliance Certificate

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987* for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution
1.1 Council Minutes (Public Excluded) – 29 April 2021	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	s48(1)(a)(i)
1.2 Follow-up Action Items from Council Meetings (Public Excluded)	s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.	s48(1)(a)(i)

<p><b>1.3 Marton Rail Hub Update on Rail Design</b></p>	<p>s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>
<p><b>1.4 Te Matapihi - Chief Executive Decision on Code Compliance Certificate</b></p>	<p>s7(2)(a) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <p>s7(2)(f)(i) - free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority.</p>	<p>s48(1)(a)(i)</p>

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of the Act which would be prejudiced by the holding or the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as specified above.

Cr Hiroa/Cr Ash. Carried

## 9 Open Meeting

The meeting went into open session at 4.12pm.

**Resolved minute number 21/RDC/108**

That the public excluded meeting move into an open meeting, and the following recommendations be confirmed in the open meeting.

21/RDC/108 - 21/RDC/113.

Cr Duncan/Cr Carter. Carried

**The Meeting closed at 4.13pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 June 2021.**

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**Chairperson**